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Robert G. Pruitt, III
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Re: Tentative Approval of Notice of Intention to Revise Large Mining Operations, Uintah County, Uintah County Asphalt Mine, M047/022, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

The Division has completed a review of the information submitted on behalf of Uintah County in response to our review letter of August 14, 1996. This information was received by the Division on September 27, 1996. The submission included: (1) a letter responding to the items raised in the Division's August review letter; (2) a copy of the Notice of Intent to Revise Mining Operations form MR-REV showing edits and revisions; (3) a clean copy of the revised MR-REV form; (4) Exhibits A, D and E; (5) Appendices 1, 2, 3; and (6) Exhibit F.

After reviewing this information the Division is prepared to issue tentative approval for this amendment. Final approval will be granted after the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining approves of the form and amount of reclamation surety. Please be advised that no work may begin on this amendment until the Board approves of the reclamation surety. We will list the amount and form of reclamation surety on the agenda for the next Board Hearing scheduled for October 23, 1996, in St. George, Utah. From our discussions, we understand the form of surety to be proposed by Uintah County is a form of self-bonding agreement similar to the informal agreement currently in place.

If you require additional information or forms, please contact me or Tony Gallegos here at the Division as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
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cc: Lonnie Hogan, Uintah County
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